

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

President David Cosh VY2DAC	Vice President Bill McMaster VY2WM	Secretary-Treasurer Charles Easter VY2CE
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Minutes of the June 17th, 2020 meeting

President David Cosh VY2DAC called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Members Present were:

David Cosh VY2DAC	Charles Easter VY2CE	William McMaster VY2WM
Ron MacKay VE1AIC	William Caw VY2EH/VY2CAW	Joel MacLean VY2KW
Brent Taylor VY2HF	Richard Burke VY2RB	Doug Sillicker VY2DS
Stirling Carr VY2SEC	Therese Mair VY2TAM	

Also guest Barb

Regrets were received from Bill Glydon VY2LI

Dave asked if there was any knowledge of persons sick or silent keys. Was noted Bill Perry VY2BP is on the sick list. It was also noted that Bill Lea VE1PJ, sadly, is now a silent key.

Announcements:

The Saturday morning gatherings at Sam's restaurant on St. Peter's Road have resumed, however with the need for social distancing and early arrival. Dave asked that you contact him or Reg VY2REG if you are planning to attend so they can get a seat for you.

Minutes of the last meeting, March 4, 2020:

Secretary Charles VY2CE read the minutes of our March 4, 2020 meeting. Because of the pandemic, Covid-19, we have not had a regular meeting since March 4th. Moved by Charles, seconded by William VY2CAW that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

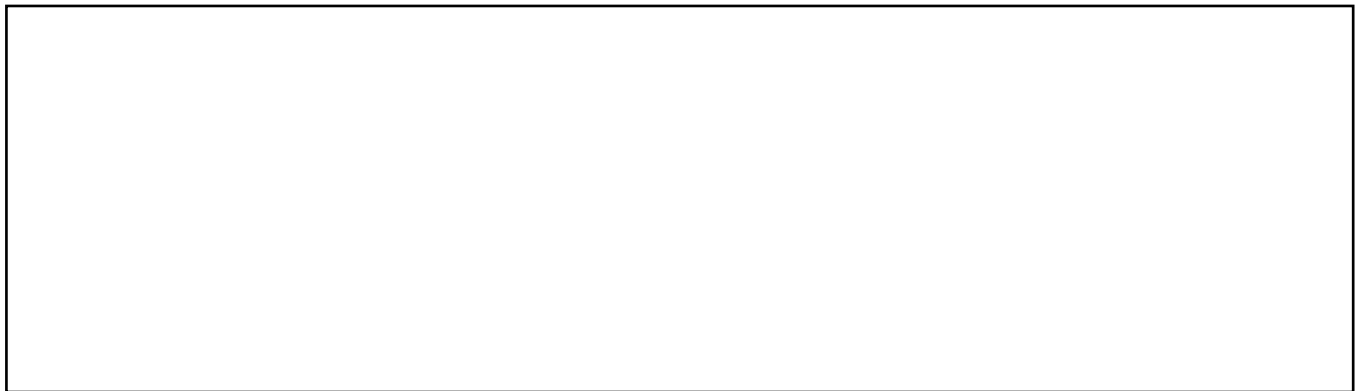
Many events and gatherings have been cancelled due to the pandemic. The SMART Symposium, our meetings, various other events, all have been cancelled. Field Day (June 27-28) is still on, however, but amateurs are encouraged to participate from home or in small groups. There is a possibility that the Red Cross building will be open for the day so that Amateurs can operate from there, but no firm decision has been made yet. The Confederation Bridge may not be open by that time for visiting Amateur operators to come to the island to participate.

Doug VY2DS and a few other Amateur Radio operators plan to operate during Field Day from a small gathering on the Island at Daryll's VY2OM station.

Ron VE1AIC has recently revitalized a repeater in the Montague area (VY2KR 147.165Hz). Ron has also done maintenance on the Charlottetown Repeater and it is fully operational once again.

President's Report:

Dave remarked that the new repeater in the Montague area was a big step forward in communications for those operators in the Eastern PEI area. He also reported that because of the situation with the pandemic, there have been no further developments with the antenna installation at the new fire hall building in Stratford.



Correspondence:

Our Secretary advised that we had emails from RAC about online courses, World Amateur Radio Day and the new parameters for operation during Field Day, 2020, due to Covid-19.

New Business:

Solomon Kappala SWL is looking into taking one of the offered online courses through RAC in order to assist him in obtaining his Amateur license. Brent (VY2HF) will be giving June (Ildefonso Domenden) his examination for his Basic License within the next week or so.

Bill VY2WM asked about a further meeting over the summer since we have not been able to meet for several months. Usually the club suspends meetings during the two summer months. A vote was taken and all were in favour that we have a meeting on the first Wednesday in August.

There was discussion about the UPEI Engineering student group that has been working towards their licenses. Brent VY2HF, Bill VY2WM and Bill VY2LI have all been involved in mentoring this group. However, all UPEI classes have been suspended until the fall due to the pandemic.

Brent told us about having a Yaesu multi-band radio. Bill VY2WM spoke on 3D printing and how you make a RF protected enclosure.

Further discussions of general appreciation of our ability to finally meet as a group carried the meeting late, but with much gratitude.

William Caw VY2CAW/VY2EH adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Charles Easter

Dave Cosh

Secretary

President

Recorded by Therese Mair